raised from the present 18% to 20%.

ii) The present limit of 125% on past performance allotments (PPE) and MEE allotments taken together in respect of MEE allotments has removed.

iii) The maximum number of country/category combination an exporter may opt under MEE System has been reduced from 15 to 10.

iv) Reservation of 75% Quota under Non-Quota Exporter Entitlement (NQE) system for thrust countries has been abolished. Base period under this system has been made at par with PEE system. The allocation in this system has been raised from the present 10% to 18% including 2% reservation exclusively for Handloom garments.

Supply of Woollen or Jute Blankets to Weaker sections at subsidised Rates

351. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to manufacture woollen or jute blankets for the weaker sections and make them available at subsidised rates through consumer cooperatives; and

(b) if so, the price fixed for these blankets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Woollen blankets are covered under the Janata Scheme for supply to weaker sections at subsidised rates. These blankets are also supplied through consumers cooperatives.

(b) The maximum price fixed by Government of India for 60" x 90" blankets is Rs. 50/-.

[*English*]

International Bus Services between Calcutta-Dhaka-Varanasi-Kathmandu

352. SHRI SHARAD DIGHE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to launch internationai bus services between Calcutta Dhaka Varanasi Kathmandu as a beginning of SAARC Cooperation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

NTC Mills in Bombay

353. SHRI SHARAD DIGHE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of textile mills in Bombay taken by the Government since October, 1983 and now run by National Textile Corporation (South Maharashtra) ;

(b) whether a number of permanent workers have still not been absorbed;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether such unabsorbed workers